REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 21-24 are now present in this application, claims 7, 8 and 25-28 are canceled by way of the present amendment.

The Applicants greatly appreciate the discussion with Examiner Pham where claim 6 was found to be allowable. Claims 1 and 6 have been combined, and claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 and 8 are canceled as directed to a species other than the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

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